GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1721
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CARE OF OLD PARENTS
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that old parents and grand parents are feeling a sense of insecurity and negligence because the younger generation is increasingly unwilling to look after their parents and provide them with food, shelter and emotional needs in the present scenario;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to bring a legislation making the young generation to realize their duties to take care of their parents and grand parents and also provide protection to them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir.

(c) A concept paper incorporating the salient features of the proposed Bill, namely, `The Older Persons (Maintenance, Care & Protection) Bill, 2005` has been circulated to the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations. It is proposed to address the issues concerning older persons including lack of physical and financial support, emotional neglect, provision of food and shelter and protection of life.

(d) Does not arise.